Subject No. 355.

Tolls to supersede Mohatarfa in Municipalities.

Summary of discussion.—Government should abolish the Mohatarfa and introduce tolls on roads instead. The loss to the Provincial Revenue may be made good by the transfer to the Local Boards of some of the Provincial charges on works of local interest.

Dewan's reply.—We have given over the Government share of Mohatarfa to Municipalities. It is for the latter to consider this question.

Subject No. 356.

Beds and lands appertaining to abandoned Tanks.

Summary of discussion.—When tanks are abandoned by the P. W. D., their beds and lands thereunder should be given out on dry rates.

Dewan's reply.—Individual cases will be considered on petitions.

Subject No. 357.

Payment for Inamdars' Tank water.

Summary of discussion.—Water-rate should be paid to Inamdars for water from Inam tanks irrigating Sarkar lands.

Dewan's reply.—This is matter for application in individual cases. Mamul irrigation from the Inam tank should, of course always, be given without extra charge.

Subject No. 358.

Restoration of breached tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Early work of restoration required to breached tanks.

Dewan's reply.—Our best is being done.

Subject No. 359.

Evils of grazing in Date Groves.

Summary of discussion.—Cattle should not be allowed to graze in date groves. Cattle-dung breeds worms destructive to date trees.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 360.

Annual Provincial Grant to Bangalore Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Till the improvements of the roads, drains and opening of new streets, &c., in the Bangalore City is completed, a yearly grant of one lakh of rupees should be given. The area of the town has considerably increased and the expenditure in the several divisions is out of all proportion to the income from those divisions. Money is required for equal treatment of all divisions. Town improvements which have to be effected will, hereafter, become more costly, as the value of house property will increase with the completion of the water-supply project. It is better, therefore, to do what is necessary at once. The City Improvement Committee now attend only to the Northern and Western Extensions. They should attend to improvements required all over the Town.

Dewan's reply.—The grant asked for cannot be given. Large grants, direct and indirect, are already made by the State to this Municipality, and more cannot be given.

Subject No. 361.

Native Refreshment Rooms at Railway Stations.

Summary of discussion.—Native Refreshment Rooms must be opened at all the Stations of the Mysore State Railway just as there are European Refreshment Rooms for the benefit of the travelling public, Native travellers feel the absence of such.

Dewan's reply.—Will be referred to the Railway Department.